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OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Declaration

of

Purposes, Policy and Program

for

Off-Street Parking Facilities

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The Parking Authority of the City and County of San Francisco has been created by the "Parking Law of 1949" of the State of California and for the purpose therein set forth. That purpose is the supplying of additional off-street parking facilities to reduce serious conditions of congestion of street traffic which is obstructing access to and use of both public and private property, increasing traffic hazards, impeding rapid and effective fighting of fires and the disposition of police forces and endangering the public peace, health and safety.

The City and the State have declared that the supplying of additional off-street parking facilities and the performance of all undertakings incident thereto are public uses and purposes for which public money may be spent and private property acquired and are governmental functions.

The Parking Authority has been created as an arm of City government with the responsibility of prosecuting the above program. It has been delegated the powers deemed necessary to accomplish this program.

The program of the Authority contemplates the following steps:

1. Stimulation of private enterprise to finance and construct the facilities required under the off-street parking program.

In the event results are inadequate, the Authority will proceed to the next step; namely,

2. Cooperation with private enterprise in securing sites for garage construction.

Such garage sites, purchased by the Authority through negotiation or by process of condemnation, will be made available on mutually agreeable terms to private parties for construction and operation of garages thereon. Again, if results are inadequate, the next step will be taken; namely,

3. Financing and construction of garages, including site acquisition, by the Authority itself.

Private parties will then be invited to submit bids for operation of the completed project. In the event satisfactory bids are not forthcoming, the Authority will have recourse to

4. Operation of the completed facilities.

The Authority wishes to emphasize that it will exercise its powers of financing, site acquisition, construction and operation only as a necessary supplement to the ability of private enterprise to perform.

The Authority has begun a study of existing garage capacities and parking demand together with all related factors and data necessary to establish areas of Primary Off-street Parking Demand. The Authority will avail itself of all resources and facilities obtainable from all City departments, City offices and City officials in accomplishing its objectives. Following this study, it will propose a Master Plan for Off-Street Parking Facilities. Before final adoption, the Plan will be published in tentative form for the information and reaction of all interested parties and the public. Public hearings will be held, opinions invited and the Plan carefully reviewed before its final adoption as a blueprint of locations for public garage construction.

Following adoption of the Master Plan for Off-Street Parking Facilities, the Authority will invite proposals or bids for construction of public parking garages in any or all of the locations of Primary Off-Street Parking Demand.

Upon receipt of satisfactory proposals or bids, the Authority will select the most advantageous and proceed with the construction program.

There is presently no basis on which a time schedule for completion of the foregoing program can be established. However, it will be the purpose of the Authority to:

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1. Assemble and analyze all data available on which to base a tentative Master Parking Plan.
2. Hold public hearings and thereafter adopt a Master Parking Plan as the basis for official action.
3. Receive and consider bids.
4. Undertake to bring about a completion of approved proposals at the earliest possible date consistent with a proper consideration of all the foregoing factors and with the full realization of the necessity of continuing to give prompt attention to ways and means for the solution of our parking problems.

Adopted: February 8, 1950.

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